

## REMARKS

### STATUS OF THE CLAIMS

Pursuant to the Notice of Allowance mailed March 23, 2006, claims 1-20 are allowed. However, claims 6, 9 and 17 are substantial duplicates of claims 3, 4 and 5, respectively, and, therefore, claims 6, 9 and 17 are cancelled herein. No other amendments are presented herein, and no new matter is being presented.

### INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS

In addition, an Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) has been filed concurrently herewith in compliance with 37 CFR 1.92(d). It is requested that this IDS, as well as the IDS filed May 21, 2006, be considered by the Examiner prior to the issue fee payment due date of June 23, 2006.

### CONCLUSION

If there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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